

Program(s) Affected: National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program

Title of Rule: Proposed Rule: Nutrition Standards for All Foods Sold in School as required by HHFKA (Competitive Foods Rule)

Stage of Rulemaking: At OMB

Is the Rule Currently Open for Public Comment? No.

Rule Summary: This proposed rule would amend the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program regulations to establish nutrition standards for foods sold in schools other than those foods provided under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (CNA) and the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA). In developing these standards, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 directed the Secretary to consider the most recent Dietary Guidelines for Americans, authoritative scientific recommendations for nutrition standards, existing school nutrition standards, including voluntary standards for beverages and snack foods, current State and local standards, the practical application of the nutrition standards, and special exemptions for infrequent school-sponsored fundraisers (other than fundraising through vending machines, school stores, snack bars, a la carte sales and any other exclusions determined by the Secretary). This rule will also propose regulations related to the requirement that schools participating in the National School Lunch Program make potable water available to children at no charge in the place where lunches are served during the meal service. These proposed changes are intended to improve the health and well-being of the Nation's children, increase consumption of healthful foods during the school day and create an environment that reinforces the development of healthy eating habits.